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- Jesus doesn't judge based on naughty or nice but on who would receive him.
- The more you know Jesus, the more excited you will be to see him come!

Where does the story of Rudolph rank in your Christmas movie/song hierarchy?

## A Deeper Lesson:

On Sunday, we considered the “pride” of the lead characters in the Rudolph movie who ran away from their loved ones because they felt like “misfits.” Have you ever “run away” from something because staying there made you feel like a misfit?

## Three Snapshots from the Bible

### *Snapshot 1: A baby among animals (Luke 2:1-7)*

What does it mean to you that Jesus was from birth a “misfit”—born of misfit parents into a misfit society?

### *Snapshot 2: Angels among shepherds (Luke 2:8-14)*

On Sunday, we talked about how the shepherds were societal misfits in their day. Nearly as bad as lepers, the shepherds were to be avoided at all costs. Why do you think God sent the angels to them?

What about the angel's message strikes you as most important?

### *Snapshot 3: Levi (Luke 5:27-32)*

Worse than shepherds, worse than lepers, the tax collectors and “sinners” were the lowest of the low and the most “misfitly” of all. What does it mean to you that Jesus reached out to Levi?

What was Levi's response?

How did Jesus respond to the Pharisees' criticism?

## Conclusion:

**Jesus came as a misfit for misfits.**

I see three ways at least this truth applies today:

- in humility, we should embrace our misfit-ness and let Jesus be our “doctor”
- in gratitude, we should worship a Lord who was willing to enter misfit life for us
- with urgency, we should take on the mantle of our savior to reach out to other misfits

Which of those speaks to you most today? Are there other ways to apply the truth?



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